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In response to the Office Action dated 7/21/03 (paper No. 4) on which an extension of time is enclosed please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendment to Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (new) A fabric softening composition comprising:

(a) from 0.01 % to 35%, by weight, of a cationic softener wherein said cationic softener is an esterquat which is a biodegradable fatty ester quaternary ammonium compound having the formula: